

FEBRUARY 4, 2010, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF MT. EPHRAIM

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wolk called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

All present pledged their allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Commissioner Gilmore	_____X_____	_____
Commissioner Greenwald	_____X_____	_____
Mayor Wolk	_____X_____	_____

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Solicitor – Eric Riso
Borough Engineers – Doug Akin and Joe Federici
Police Chief – Ed Dobleman
Borough Clerk – Terry Shannon
Tax Collector/Dep. Clerk – Marie Darlington

“OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW” ANNOUNCEMENT:

This Meeting has been advertised and notices posted in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PROCLAMATIONS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. December 22, 2009 Caucus Meeting
2. December 29, 2009, General Meeting
3. January 7, 2010, General Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Greenwald and seconded by Commissioner Gilmore to approve the aforementioned minutes. The motion carried.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Vouchers were submitted and the Bill List total of \$708,410.63 was submitted for approval. On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the Bill List was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes, Wolk-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO.1-10 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE SALARIES OF
CERTAIN EMPLOYEES COVERED BY
BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Mayor Wolk opened the public hearing and invited public comment on this ordinance. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the public hearing closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the ordinance was adopted with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes. The ordinance was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None at this time

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk announced that the following resolutions would be read and approved as a consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-10 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR TOWING AND
STORAGE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10 AUTHORIZING LEGAL SETTLEMENT OF
OUTSTANDING WATER SERVICE BALANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-10 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSE&G
RELATIVE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS DIRECT
INSTALL PROGRAM

On a motion by Commissioner Greenwald, second by Commissioner Gilmore, the consent agenda was approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MERCANTILE LICENSE APPLICATIONS / RENEWALS:

7-Eleven (10923)	521 W. Kings Highway
AAA Rush Signs, Inc.	300 N. Black Horse Pike
Auto Super Wash, Inc. (Auto-Shine Car Wash)	300 N. Black Horse Pike
Computer Services Bureau, Inc. (Bleeding Edge)	217 N. Black Horse Pike
East Coast Enterprises, Inc.	237 S. Black Horse Pike
Fafa Services, LLC	159-C S. Black Horse Pike
Fanelli Construction, Inc.	11 James Street
Inclinator-Elevette, Inc.	215 S. Black Horse Pike
Jay Brad, Inc. (Select Machine & Tool, Inc.)	19 Thompson Ave.
Kena, Inc. (Country Farm Convenience)	10 E. Kings Highway
MCA Travel Agency, Inc.	115 N. Black Horse Pike
S.A. Conte, Inc.	605 N. Black Horse Pike
South Jersey Aikido Academy, Inc.	61 W. Kings Highway

On a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the licenses were approved with the following poll vote: Gilmore-yes; Greenwald-yes; Wolk-yes.

BINGO/RAFFLE LICENSES: None

REPORTS:

Commissioner Gilmore read highlights from the Fire Department monthly report for January. He also read the highlights from the Police Department report for the month of January. He welcomed back Officer Michael Schaeffer who was returning after surgery and is doing well. On a sad note, on behalf of the governing body, he would like to offer condolences to the family of Charles Dougherty, Sr. "Papa Doc" was a long-time Mt. Ephraim resident and was a member of the fire department for 56 years. He will surely be missed. Commissioner Gilmore added that we have another snowstorm headed our way and reminded everyone to park on the odd side of the street. Also, when you remove your snow, try to keep it on your own property and keep your sidewalks clear.

Commissioner Greenwald read the highlights from the monthly report from the Public Works department reporting that there were no safety violations or accidents for the month of January. Single stream recycling was over 80,000 pounds for the month. This continues to improve each month. The department responded to nine sewer calls, was very busy with salting, sanding and snow removal and constructed a new salt/sand building at the DPW complex, and they removed the seasonal banners and holiday

decorations. Commissioner Greenwald said that he would be attending the CDBG meeting to discuss the Year 32 funding allocation. Lastly, he wanted to reiterate what Commissioner Gilmore said about the coming storm. Please park in your driveway or on the odd side of the street. It really helps the police and DPW guys who are trying to clear the streets. Also, we received notification that we were awarded a grant for \$755,000 to help with the Bell Road drainage problems and the fire house project and we need to extend our gratitude to Congressman Rob Andrews who was instrumental in getting us the funding.

Joe Federici, Borough Engineer, reported that the Kings Highway Streetscape Project, Phase II, would be starting this spring. Also, the improvements to Delaware Avenue will also be starting this spring and that is funded through the NJDOT Local Aid 2010.

Mayor Wolk read highlights from the Tax Collector report for December. He reiterated what Commissioners Gilmore and Greenwald said about the coming storm and making sure not to park on the streets if possible.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Wolk opened the meeting to the public and asked that residents state their name and address for the record.

Yar Kunyacia, an architect with an office on Black Horse Pike, commented about the removal of the trees from in front of the school. He feels the trees were mutilated. Also, he is very concerned about the poles being installed along the Pike. It is a quality of life issue as well as health and safety. He wanted to know who allows this "devastation and mutilation" in a place as beloved as Mt. Ephraim. What kind of a lesson are we teaching our children? He believes the telephone poles are toxic and dangerous. They are pressure treated wood and are unhealthy. Haddonfield and Moorestown both have no poles in their towns. Neither does the White House or the Governor's mansion have poles in front of them. Mt. Ephraim is a charming little community and these huge poles are unsightly and unhealthy. Did the town approve them? He is concerned that this will impact property values as well.

Mayor Wolk responded that Mt. Ephraim is a beautiful town. He likes Haddonfield and Moorestown but he lives in Mt. Ephraim. We try to do the best we can to keep the town as clean and safe as possible. He thanked Mr. Kunyacia for his comments and added that we did meet with PSE&G regarding their project but that we really have no control over this project unless we want to take them to court which is unrealistic.

Mr. Kunyacia added that he feels we should require that these utilities be put underground. Look at the beautiful job we did with the Streetscape on Kings Highway, but it is marred by the poles. Eric Riso responded that this is something that would need to be addressed at the state level. Commissioner Gilmore added that he did not

believe the new pressure treated wood has the same chemicals as the old ones. The governing body thanked Mr. Kunyia for his comments and concerns.

Dominic Giacobbe spoke about the speeding problem on Center Avenue. Center is used as a cut-through when there is a backup on Black Horse Pike. He believes that with cars parked on both sides, kids are coming out from between cars and someone is going to be seriously hurt or killed. He thinks this is a very dangerous situation and needs to be addressed. He wants to see the yellow line put back before someone gets killed. Commissioner Gilmore responded that DOT studies show that parking on both sides actually slows traffic down. Mr. Giacobbe then asked about the possibility of a speed hump being installed. Commissioner Gilmore responded that was a possibility and perhaps we could look at a temporary hump until we are able to install a permanent one.

Laura Oehlert, who lives at the dead end of Gloucester Avenue, asked about the railroad ties Conrail left across from her house. The kids are trying to pick them up and throwing the spikes into her yard. She wants to know when they will be removed. Mayor Wolk responded that we would send a letter to Conrail asking for them to be removed.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Commissioners Greenwald and Gilmore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Shannon
Borough Clerk